

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The number of passengers caught travelling in trains without ticket/irregular travel and fine recovered from them during the last three years are as under:

Year	Number of passengers caught (in lakhs)	Amount recovered (Rs. in crores)
2004-05	77.63	187.39
2005-06	51.97	190.91
2006-07	35.11	128.02

(Upto October, 2006)

(b) and (c) Vulnerable areas where ticketless travelling is rampant are identified by the railways from time to time and regular and surprise drives are conducted frequently to check ticketless/irregular travel in association with Police. Travelling public are educated through various media about the consequences of ticketless travel. In addition, some of the measures taken are as under:

- i) Special checks are conducted in association with Police and Railway Magistrates.
- ii) Ambush Checks, Fortress Checks, Cross Country Checks, Replacement Checks, etc., are conducted from time to time.
- iii) The minimum penalty for ticketless/irregular travel has been enhanced to Rs. 250/- from Rs. 50/- with effect from 01.07.2004 to discourage ticketless travel.

Computerised railway reservation counters in Manipur

2703. **SHRI RISHANG KEISHING:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of computerised railway reservation counters in Manipur with name of places;

(b) whether it is a fact that the computerised railway reservation counters

have been very irregular in functioning and causing a lot of inconveniences to public; and

(c) whether Government would take steps to improve the working of the existing one and also open more computerised reservation counters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) One computerized reservation centre has been functional at Imphal since January, 1997.

(b) No, Sir. There has not been any significant failures or disruption during the last one year.

(c) To provide train reservation facilities at non-rail head locations, Computerised Passenger Reservation Centres have been sanctioned in 2006-07 for 7 more districts of Manipur viz. Bishnupur, Chandel, Churachandrapur, Senapati, Tamenglong, Thoubal and Porompat.

Restricting entry to platforms

†2704. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any such decision has been taken under which no person other than passengers can enter into the platforms at stations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when this decision would be implemented; and

(d) the amount earned by Railways every year from platform tickets and its percentage out of the amount earned from total selling of tickets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The amount earned from platform tickets and its percentage to total passenger earnings for the last three years (2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06) and 2006-07 (upto June, 2006) is as under:—

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